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In re the Application of:

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For: CATADIOPTRIC REDUCTION PROJECTION OPTICAL SYSTEM AND EXPOSURE
APPARATUS HAVING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Before examination of the instant application, it is respectfully requested that the instant Preliminary Amendment be considered and entered

The following amendments, which are made relative to the patent as issued compliant with 37 CFR §1.173, and remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please **AMEND** the following paragraph beginning on page 1, col. 1, at line 4:

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a continuation application of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/766,486, filed January 19, 2001, which issued as U.S. Patent No. RE38,438 on February 24, 2004, which is a reissue application of U.S. Patent No. 5,861,997, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.--

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION:

In accordance with the foregoing, the specification has been amended to correctly refer to the status of the application as a continuation of a U.S. patent application and to update the status of the parent application. All amendments are made relative to the issued patent in